

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 13, 2015

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Trace Frost, DSO; Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Corey Foster, WISDOT BOTS, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam Police Department, Dave Beal, Juneau Police Department and AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present were Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam Fire Department, Bill Nass, Tn Emmet Chairman, Dale Heeringa, Jeremy Rasch and Scott Loudon, Waupun P.D. and Eugene Goodearle.

Members absent: Del Yaroch .

- I. The meeting was called to order by Joel Kiesow at 9:30 am in Del's absence. Joel acknowledged the excellent work of Bob Sell in the coordinator's position. He also thanked Trace Frost for his work for the commission. Introductions were made.
- II The minutes from January 12, 2015 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Beal and second by Frost.
- III. There were no fatal crashes in the first quarter of 2015.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. CTH A and CTH E. Pete updated the committee that rumble strips are bid items in the 2015 paving projects, but are not for certain yet. Advance curve warning and speed reduction plaques are going in soon. This interim step will be monitored over time
 - B. CTH B curve at CTH W. Pete stated that the curve is rated for 45 mph which is the posted speed limit. There is an advanced curve warning sign which was relocated to be compliant with standards. No other action will be taken.
- V. New Business
 - A. Parking on CTH T by The Old Rock Bar at STH 16/60. Neighbors have complained that patrons are parking along the road and on their grass due to a lack of shoulder. This does not allow two cars to pass safely. Litter and broken glass were also a concern. It was acknowledged that the bar is doing good business. Pete stated parking is allowed if not otherwise prohibited if the vehicle is out of the lane of traffic. Pete will research what is needed to prohibit parking with the corporation counsel. There are instances in the county where No Parking signs are installed. The authority for their placement will also be checked. Pete will also speak with the bar owners to best utilize off-street parking.
 - B. STH 33 and CTH P crash. Ryan spoke about the semi vs. pickup with trailer crash of March 18, 2015. The pickup stopped, then pulled out and was struck by the semi, which overturned and spilled its load. There were no fatalities. Ryan says there have been 21 crashes in 5 years. They are still occurring after overhead STOPS with beacons were installed. The crash rate is sufficient to warrant safety program money. Ryan is promoting an August application for a roundabout through 90% Federal/10% State funding. The Commission consensus was in full support of this proposal. Ryan stated he had already received a letter seeking improvements from the Town of Herman for everything but a roundabout. To date, the roundabout at CTH P and STH 60 has been well received and is working as expected.

C. Reports

- a. BOTS. Corey stated there have been 114 fatalities in 105 fatal crashes thus far statewide in 2015. This compares to 87/79 last year at this time. Not sure of the reason. He said DC Sheriff and BD PD have been awarded combined Task Force grants worth \$20,000 for Speed enforcement and \$16,000 for Seat Belt enforcement. He encouraged other agencies to speak with him about similar opportunities. He said there is training in August for Crime and Traffic data analysis in Milwaukee. The 70 mph bill for interstates has passed one house so far.
- b. DOT—Ryan followed up on the pending change in speed limit to 65 mph on STH 26 from CTH Q to STH 16/60 interchange when construction is complete this year. He notes there are 10 at-grade intersections plus driveways in this stretch. He says there are 8 intersections on USH 151 in a similar length where the speed is 65. Bill Nass stated Tn of Emmet and Clyman are still concerned with the speed. Emmet Police ticketed 10 drivers on a Sunday morning at 75 to 84 mph. Bill offered a letter of support to keep the speed at 55. Ryan stated it was a struggle to construct a 4-lane highway and keep the speed at 55. Review and discussion will continue. AJ requested more speed limit signs in both the open section and the construction zone as an interim measure. Ryan stated there was a statewide review of cross-median crashes. There are 3 hot spots in the county along USH 151—S to Salem Rd, Oakwood to M, and STH 26 around Waupun. He will look to request cable guard installation funding for these spots.
- c. County—Pete stated the CTH V concrete paving project is scheduled to start soon. There will be a Public Info meeting in Mayville on April 21st at 6 pm. Other paving projects do not have confirmed schedules yet.
- D. AJ announced that the county has 3 troopers now, down from 4 due to a retirement. There is another possible retirement late this year. He will monitor recruiting classes.
- E. Brandon stated the downtown Beaver Dam project has begun with just a few startup problems.
- F. Sheriff Schmidt thanked Joel for taking on the Coordinator position. He heard many good things about Joel.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am.

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at TSC meeting

July 13, 2015.

Pete Thompson